THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) Delhi Police have during the period 1998 to 30th June, 2001 received 1386 complaints regarding police excesses out of which 69 complaints were substantiated after inquiry.

(c) The steps taken by Delhi Police in this regard include: (i) deterrent action in all cases where police officials arc found involved in malpractices, misbehaviour, etc.; (ii) the training syllabi both for initial training and refresher courses have been designed to inculcate, amongst the police trainees, the sense of community service and respect for law and human rights; (iii) frequent briefing by senior officers during Sampark Sabhas about the need to behave politely and courteously with the members of the public; (iv) provision of the facility to ring up telephone number 3319922 to enable the members of the public to speedily lodge their complaints against harassment by police officials; and (v) provision of the facility of P.O. Box No. 171 to enable members of public to send their complaints against any criminal or corrupt behaviour of police personnel.

Separate Task Force for Border Management

1105. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to make separate Task Force for Indo-Bangla, Indo-China and Indo-Pak border to improve the existing Border Management Programme;

(b) if so, the steps taken in that regard; and

(c) the details of steps taken to reduce tension in the border areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) No, Sir. There is no such proposal to make a separate Task Force before the Government.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.